

N.C. 12 Update 10/03/2011

At the Rodanthe breach area, crews finished fine grading the road bed and paving the first layer of asphalt on the southbound lane at the s-curves. The first layer of asphalt base for the northbound lane at the s-curves was also completed. Crews began fine grading the road bed and placing the first layer of asphalt base at the south end of the mid Pea Island breach. All of the sandbags were installed at the s-curves.

At the temporary bridge location on Pea Island, crews finished assembling the remaining 59 feet of bridge truss. On Sunday afternoon, the bridge truss was launched to the south end of the breach to completely span the opening. Hydraulic jacks were set up to lift the bridge truss to allow removal of the temporary roller bearing supports. The truss will then be lowered into position on the concrete footings.

Crews still need to install bridge bearing supports, lower and anchor the bridge in place, and install deck panels; however the following items are complete at the temporary bridge location:

- Piling: all 82 piles driven.
- Sheet Piling Bulkhead: all 726 linear feet installed.
- Concrete Footings: all 12 footings poured.
- Bridge Truss Spans: all 662 linear feet placed.

NCDOT estimates that the roadway could be fully reopened by early to mid-October, depending on weather conditions between now and then. Much of the remaining work is very weather dependent.